

CONCORDIA UNIVERSITY  
SENATE RESEARCH COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF THE SENATE RESEARCH COMMITTEE  
MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY, 11 FEBRUARY 1988 AT 9:15 A.M.  
IN BC-110, SGW CAMPUS

ATTENDANCE:

Present were:

C.H. Langford (Chair), P. Albert, J. Boivin,  
P. Fazio, G. Johns, P. Lightbown, B. MacKay,  
P. Shizgal, C.Y. Suen, M.N.S. Swamy,  
M. Szabo, A.J. Williams, S. Bulzan  
(Secretary)

Absent:

C. Ross

DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED & DISTRIBUTED TO SENATE RESEARCH COMMITTEE:

SRC-87-11-05-D30	<u>COMPUTER RESOURCES COMMITTEE - FIVE-YEAR DEVELOPMENT PLAN (rev. 1988.01.06)</u>
SRC-88-01-21-D36	<u>GUIDELINES FOR SENATE EVALUATION OF RESEARCH CENTRES (rev. 1988.01.11)</u>
SRC-88-01-21-D37	<u>RESEARCH EXPENDITURES FROM OPERATING FUNDS</u>
SRC-88-02-11-D38	<u>RESEARCH CENTRES IN THE FACULTY OF COMMERCE AND ADMINISTRATION</u>

Dr. C.H. Langford occupied the Chair.

I. AGENDA MODIFICATIONS AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- 1.1 It was moved and seconded (Lightbown, Szabo) and  
unanimously RESOLVED:

That the Minutes of the Senate Research Committee meeting  
of 21 January 1988 be approved.

II. CHAIR'S REMARKS

A. Research Centres in the Faculty of Commerce and Administration (SRC-88-02-11-D38)

- 2.1 The above document, relevant to the Senate Research Committee discussions on Centres, was prepared by the Commerce and Administration faculty. It was distributed to the Committee for their information and requires no action.

B. ACFAS letter

- 2.1 The Chair referred to a recent request from ACFAS to provide them with the share of Concordia's research budgets allocated for travel to scholarly meetings and for publication of research articles. The Committee was asked to provide any advice regarding this request.
- 2.2 It was agreed that the Deans or their representatives would be asked to provide their estimates over the past year.

C. Research Expenditures from Operating Funds (SRC-88-01-21-D37)

- 2.1 The Chair informed the Committee that the above document was brought to their attention for discussion, and that it did not require any action.
- 2.2 The document was discussed at length and the main concern was that it did not represent the entire University, but only five departments.

D. Computer Resources Committee - Five-Year Strategic Development Plan (SRC-87-11-05-D30 revised)

- 2.1 Due to lack of time, this item will be put on the March agenda.
- 2.2 The Chair suggested that if reports have been written on the above document, they be sent for distribution to Committee members.

E. Director of Research Services - A.J. Williams

- 2.1 Ms. Williams mentioned that the UQAM-R&D-CONCORDIA agreement had been officially signed on 5 February 1988.

III. GUIDELINES FOR SENATE EVALUATION OF RESEARCH CENTRES (document SRC-87-11-05-D34, revised)

- 3.1 The booklet from the Ministère de l'Enseignement supérieur et de la Science entitled "Répertoire des Centres et Organismes de Recherche des Universités Québécoises" was circulated for members' information.
- 3.2 Dr. P. Shizgal discussed the FCAR "Centres de Recherche" program and the criteria necessary for recognition of a successful Centre. Drs. P. Fazio and C.H. Langford also presented their criteria which distinguish a successful Centre.
- 3.3 Senate will be asked to decide the frame of reference in which the Senate Research Committee will analyze proposals referred to it, as well as how the evaluation of existing Centres will occur.
- 3.4 The Chair highlighted the changes made in the Guidelines. An additional change requested by Dean Swamy in paragraph three of page 4 re: students will also be made.
- 3.5 The Committee was asked to consider any revisions and submit them to the Chair for editing of the document prior to the 3 March SRC Meeting. At that time, it will be put on the Agenda for a final reading before going to the Steering Committee meeting scheduled for 15 March 1988.

The meeting adjourned at 11:55 a.m.